Petrochemical complex of Paradeep

2899. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up a petrochemical complex at Paradeep; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project and the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inadequate communication services in Orissa

2900. SHRI KHANU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequate communication services in the remote, interior and tribal areas of Orissa;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to provide communication facilities to these areas; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the survey and what is the number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in those areas, and by when they are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The policy of the Department is to provide telecom, facility on fully subsidised basis within about 5 Kms. of every inhabited place in the country progressively. For this purpose country has been divided into hexa-gons of 5 Kms. each and a principal village preferably a Panchayat Headquarter in it is earmarked for provid-ing the facility. The survey has revealed that there are a total of 932 such hexagons in the tribal area of Orissa out of which 393 has been pro. vided with telecom, facility. The remaining hexagons will be provided with Telecom, facility progressively during the balance period of Seventh Plan add Eighth Five Year Plan. Telephone Exchanges are opened, based of demand. For a minimum registered demand 5, 10, 23 and 46 an exchange with a capacity of 9, 25, 50 and 100 lines respectively can be opened subject to the availability of equipment. During the current year so far 44 new post offices have been sanctioned in the backward/tribal areas of the State. These Post Offices are likely to start functioning during March,'April, 1989.

Survey to locate coal deposits in Orissa

2901. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Directorate of Geology and Mining has surveyed more areas in Orissa to locate coal deposits,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to extract coal from these areas;

(d) the measures being taken to increase the coal production from the existing coalfields; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to form a coal raising company m Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India and the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Orissa Government have conducted explorations to locate coal depo-sists in Orissa. These surveys have indicated coal bearing blocks in Tala-bira, Gopalprasad, Neelachal, Linga-raj, Bharatpur South, Gopalpur blocks etc.

The total coal reserve in Orissa State as on 1-1-89 are estimated at 41556.64 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) Coal production Erofti coalfields in Orissa was 8.97 million tonnes in 1987-88. This is likely to go upto 25.26 million tonnes by 1991-95. Production from existing mines/sanctioned projects will be 12.86 million tonnes by 1994-95 and production from new projects will be 12.40 ml

(e) The current production of coal from Orissa coalfields and other operational requirements do not justify opening a new company for Orissa coalfields at present. However, a Chief General Manager has been posted to be incharge of these coalfields and the creation of a post of Director (Technical) with Headquarters at Sambalpur is under consideration.

Ban o$_n$ cancer causing chemicals

2902. SHRi HARVINDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to ban the import, production, distribution, safe and use of 21 chemicals which are suspected to be carcinogenic substance (cancer causing) and banned by USA;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cancer causing chemicals which are still in use in our country; and

(c) what steps Government propose-to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRl J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir

(b) There are no chemicals in use in India which cause cancer to hurvan beings in their normal and prescribed process of manufacture and

(c) Does not arise.

इलाहाबाद में नए टेलीफोन कनैक्शन

2903. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने यह घोषणा की है कि निकट भविष्य में इलाहाबाद में छः हजार नए टेलीफोन कनैक्शन चालू किए जाएंगे ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरधर गोमांगो): (क) और (ख) 1989-90 के दौरान इलाहाबाद में 2700 लाइनों के वर्तमान स्ट्रोजर एक्सचेंज के बदले 5000 लाइनों का इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज चालू करने की योजना बनाई गई है। इस एक्सचेंज में वर्ष 1990-91 के दौरान 1000 लाइनें और जोड़ी जाएंगी और इस प्रकार इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज की क्षमता 6000 लाइनों की हो जाएगी। आवश्यक उपस्कर आर्डर कर दिया गया है तथा ऊपर बताए गए अनुसार 6000 लाइनों के इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज का संस्थापन कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है। इसके अलावा वर्ष 1990-91 के दौरान नैनी में 500 लाइनों के वर्तमान स्ट्रोजर एक्सचेंज के बदले 1000 लाइनों का इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज (आर एस यू) चालू करने की योजना भी बनाई गई है।

जमुना बैंक रोड, इलाहाबाद में डाक और तारघर खोला जाना

2904. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जमुना बैंक रोड, इलाहाबाद में एक डाक और तार घर खोले जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके कब तक खोल दिए जाने की सम्भावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरधर गोमांगो) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।